

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on January 14, 2003 at 9 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 159, 1/7/2003; SB 158, 1/7/2003;
SB 155, 1/7/2003
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. ROYAL JOHNSON, SD 5, Billings

"Tax exemption for RR land occupied by building leased to nonprofit organization".

Proponents' Testimony:

9:08 Harry Gottwalls, Pres., Billings Depot, Inc.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

9:12 Begin

9:46 Ended

34 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

9:47 SEN. JOHNSON closed on SB 159.

HEARING ON SB 158

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:48 SEN. ROYAL JOHNSON, SD 5, Billings "Exempt levies for indebtedness from voter approval"

Proponents' Testimony:

9:51 Gordon Morris, MACo

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:56 Begin

10:28 Ended

32 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

10:29 SEN. JOHNSON closed on SB 159.

HEARING ON SB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:32 SEN. MIKE TAYLOR, SD 37, Procter "Clarify calculation of Class 8 property tax rate reduction trigger".

Proponents' Testimony:

10:37 Webb Brown, MT Chamber of Commerce

10:38 Mary Whittinghill, MT Taxpayers Assoc.
10:38.5 Riley Johnson, NFIB

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:39 Begin - **SEN. JON ELLINGSON** questioned Brad Simshaw,
Dept of Revenue, who presented **EXHIBIT(tas07a01)**
10:52 Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
11:04 Ended
25 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

11:05 **SEN. MIKE TAYLOR** closed on SB 155.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 158

Motion: **SEN. WALT MCNUTT** moved that **SB 158 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:07 Begin
11:20 Ended
13 min Time elapsed

11:21 **SEN. MCNUTT** withdrew his DO PASS motion.

11:24 **CHAIRMAN DE PRATU** passed out information on SB 12 from
Mary Whittinghill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:24 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas07aad)